

WOMEN ON RACK IN THE BURDICK MURDER INQUEST.

Mother of Murdered Man's Widow Describes His Actions When She Last Saw Him on the Night of the Mysterious Murder in His Buffalo Home.

Nothing Has Yet Been Elicited to Throw Any Light on Why and by Whose Hand the Young Millionaire Met His Death in the Snuggery of His Own Home.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BUFFALO, March 14.—Interest in the long awaited inquest into the Burdick murder mystery received a fresh stimulus this afternoon when the women members of the murdered man's household reached Police Headquarters in obedience to subpoenas.

Mrs. Burdick and her mother, Mrs. Hull, were garbed in the deepest mourning. They were accompanied by their attorneys, Messrs. Hartzell & Hubbell. The employment of counsel by the family of the murdered man is one of the peculiar features of this remarkable murder mystery.

Miss Marion Burdick, the murdered man's eldest and favorite daughter, accompanied her mother, and will be a witness. Maggie Murray and Katherine Koenig, the servants in the Burdick household, were also in the party.

District Attorney Coatsworth, who is a member of the same social set as the Burdicks, Faines and Pennells, did not show any inclination to press the witnesses closely. His most significant interrogations were suggested by Chief of Detectives Cusack, who sat beside Judge Murphy throughout the inquiry.

Mrs. Hull entered the courtroom on the arm of Attorney Hartzell and walked quietly to the witness stand. Mrs. Burdick and Miss Marion remained in Supt. Bull's office. Mrs. Hull is a kindly looking old woman of medium stature. She was plainly dressed. Her long mourning veil was thrown back, revealing a motherly looking face surmounted by snow-white hair. On the witness stand Mrs. Hull leaned her forehead on her hand, which rested on the arm of the chair. Her posture indicated feebleness, but it shaded her features from a busy band of newspaper men. Her voice was low but even. If she was nervous, she had herself well in hand.

The room in which the hearing is held is packed with fashionably clad people, more than half of whom are women.

Mrs. Hull's Testimony.
"You are a member of the Burdick home?"
"Yes sir, for about seven years."
"You were in the Burdick home on the morning of Feb. 27?"
"Yes sir."
"Was your daughter at home at No. 201 Ashland avenue on that date?"
"No sir. She was in Atlantic City."
"Did you hear from your daughter?"
"Yes sir. About seven times."

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THIS LITTLE BOY IS A TRUE HERO.

With His Leg Crushed to Pulp by Truck, His Only Thought Is of His Father, Who Assists at the Ensuing Amputation.

With his right leg crushed to a pulp, little Seymour Wesley Smith promised the big policeman who dragged him from beneath the heavy truck that he wouldn't cry, and as he was being hurried to Bellevue Hospital he put his arms about the neck of his father, Dr. Seymour Wesley Smith, and told him "not to mind."

Later, when the father, with tears streaming down his face, assisted at the operation which removed the leg at the knee, the child pressed his father's hand and murmured, "I'm so sorry for you, papa."

The brave boy was playing tag with little girl in Twenty-seventh street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, when he ran into a passing truck. Before the driver could stop his horses, the hind wheel passed over the lad's leg, crushing it in horrible manner.

He was running across the street to escape being caught by his little friend when he slipped. A woman screamed, the driver uttered a shocked exclamation and Patrolman Kohler, who was passing, ran into the street.

"Don't cry," soothingly said the policeman, as he pulled the boy, as tenderly as possible, from beneath the cruel truck.

His One Regret to Miss School.
"I won't, Mr. Policeman," was the lad's resolute reply. "I don't think I'm hurt very badly, anyway. I don't care if I don't have to stay away from school. I would hate to miss my lessons. But I'll behave."

The boy's father, Dr. Smith, of No. 86 Madison avenue, was notified of the accident. He came and rode to Bellevue with his boy in his arms.

The lad never lost consciousness nor courage, and talked with his father all the way to the hospital. Arrived there, he was hurried at once to the operating-room and immediately placed on the table.

When his father in the preparations for the operation asked him if they were hurting him the boy said:
"Go right ahead, papa; don't mind me."

When one of the physicians attempted to administer an anesthetic the boy raised his clear eyes and said:
"Thank you very much, but I don't need any medicine."

Frank Weber, the driver of the truck, who lives in Greenpoint avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested.

KING AT WILD WEST SHOW.

Col. Cady Presented to England's Royal in Indian Village.

LONDON, March 14.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark and three of the children of the Prince of Wales, all attended by their suites, occupied a specially constructed royal box at the Olympic this afternoon, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Wild West Show. Ambassador Choate and Mrs. Choate, Secretary Henry White and Mrs. White and other members of the United States Embassy occupied seats in the regular royal box.

After the show the King and his party visited the Indian village, where Col. Cady was presented to the King and Queen.

SENATE MAY TURN DOWN PLIMLEY. NEW HAVEN ROAD DEFIES THE UNIONS.

President Roosevelt Asked to Return His Nomination to Assistant United States Treasurership.

PAPERS HAD BEEN SIGNED.

J. Pierpont Morgan May Have Influenced Action During His Recent Visit to White House—His Appointment a Surprise

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In response to a resolution of the Senate adopted in executive session, the President has returned the nomination of William Plimley, to be Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, for further consideration.

The commission of Mr. Plimley had been signed by the President, but had not been delivered when the request from the Senate reached the White House.

Senators maintain secrecy concerning their action, but it is supposed that the reports spread concerning Plimley after his appointment influenced the step.

His post-office connections were cited against him and it is understood that prominent New York financiers who were not pleased with his selection had something to say about the matter to the President.

As the naming of Plimley was a surprise to Wall street, some say that J. Pierpont Morgan may have discussed it with the President during his visit to the White House the other day.

The nomination was recalled at the request of Senator Aldrich, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to which it had been referred. It is said that the nomination was not considered by the committee, but was reported after a poll of three or four members of that committee.

BOY OF FIFTEEN HANGS HIMSELF.

His Mother Finds His Body Dangling at the End of a Clothes Line in the Cellar of Her Home.

NO CAUSE IS GIVEN.

Frank Peterkin, fifteen years old, of No. 236 Williams avenue, East New York, committed suicide to-day by hanging. His mother, who had missed him, found his body in the cellar, dangling from the end of a rope.

So far as the police have been able to learn from the mother there was no particular reason why the boy should have killed himself. At first there was an endeavor to make it a case of accident.

The boy went into the cellar some time this morning, took a clothes line, made a slip noose and, and climbed up a rope into a length that would allow his feet to swing clear of the floor. He fastened the free end of the rope to a hook in the ceiling, placed the noose around his neck, climbed on a tub and stepped off.

A physician who was called by the mother said that the boy had been dead for three or four hours when the body was discovered.

MYSTERY IN MAN'S DEATH.

Wife Is Arrested, but Police Now Think He Died of Alcoholism.

Alexander Walther, a German barber, of No. 147 East Eighty-fourth street, was found dead in bed to-day. Coroner Jackson, who investigated the case, learned that the man's wife left him ten days ago after a quarrel, and he had been arrested on suspicion of being connected with her husband's death.

The police of the East Eighty-eighth Street Station investigated the case and found nothing suspicious, but the Coroner insisted in having Mrs. Walther committed to the House of Detention.

Walther had been drinking heavily for several months. He abused his wife so that she was obliged to leave him. There was gas escaping from the jet in the room where he was found, but not enough to asphyxiate him. The police believe he died in consequence of his drinking.

The Wheels of Government.
Passenger Railroad Washington Trusts other opportunities to see them in motion. The cars leave New York March 15. The Trusts have hotel and transportation expenses.

J. P. Morgan Takes Hand in the Controversy and Decides to Back President Hall in the Fight.

8,500 MEN WILL GO OUT.

They Will Strike at Midnight on Monday and Tie Up Whole System Unless Officials Back Down.

J. Pierpont Morgan, William Rockefeller and other members of the directorate of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad met at the Grand Central Station to-day and decided to support President Hall in his refusal to meet a joint committee from the brotherhoods of the dissatisfied trainmen on the system.

Unless President Hall recedes from his position it is regarded as almost certain that a strike will be inaugurated on the road at midnight next Monday, involving 8,500 men.

President Hall says that the company might make some concessions to its employees, but refuses to receive a committee of the officers of the various unions to which the men belong.

The men insist that it makes no difference whether these officers are employees of the railroad or not. President Hall expresses willingness to treat with a committee of employees, but the employees would prefer to have their organization officers carry on the negotiations.

On this proposition alone are the company and the men apart. That President Hall will be upheld by the board of directors of the system is a foregone conclusion. If he decides to back down on his own responsibility between now and midnight on Monday the strike will be averted.

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors, held to-day in Grand Central station, very little was done in the way of routine business. The attention of the meeting was confined to the strike situation. President Hall made a volubrious report defining his position, which had already been indorsed at a meeting of the Executive Committee held yesterday.

The men have been voting on the question of a strike for a week. The vote is practically completed on all the divisions of the system and the complete result will be known in New Haven to-morrow. From returns already received the employees are in favor of a strike by an overwhelming majority. President Hall admits this.

"I have hardly any doubt that a large majority will be in favor of a strike," he said to-day. "At the same time even should this vote result as I expect, that doesn't mean necessarily that there will be a strike because the men may still decide to take their alleged grievances out of the hands of the persons who have been running things for them and come to the employees."

The men laugh at this view of the matter. They say that they have given their case into the hands of the National officers of their unions and that on the proposition that these unions must be recognized the cause of unionism must stand or fall.

The Board of Directors' meeting adjourned at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. President Hall, through a representative, said that the only thing discussed was the demand of the trainmen and conductors to have a joint committee to negotiate with the railroad.

"I do not know, but undoubtedly some assurance will be taken," he said.

The members of the Board of Directors left on the 3 o'clock train for their homes, and the entire matter under discussion has been left with President Hall.

La Lorraine Coming In.
The French liner La Lorraine was reported off Nantuxet at 8:15 A. M. and should reach Quarantine this evening.

ENGLAND'S FAIR BUDGET.
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China's Population 436,447,000.
PEKING, March 14.—The Board of Revenue has completed the census of China, showing it to have a population of 436,447,000. The numbers of inhabitants in Manchuria, Mongolia, Tibet and Turkestan were not included.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.
Fifth Race—Latson 1, Georgia Gardner 2, Compass 3.
Sixth Race—Moderator 1, Russellton 2, Dottie S. 3.

POLICE CAPTAIN O'CONNOR THE NEW TENDERLOIN CHIEF.



CHILD LEFT TO BE KILLED BY TRAIN.

Abducted from Home, Brutally Treated, and While Unconscious Placed on Railroad Tracks—Engineer Saved Her.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Seven arrests have been made in connection with an attack on four-year-old Rose Lewin, who after being abducted and being brutally treated, was placed unconscious on the tracks of the Reading Railroad to be gored to pieces.

The child disappeared from her father's store on Eighth street, and being missing at nightfall the neighbors joined in a search for her, but found no trace of the little one.

At 3 o'clock in the morning the glare of the headlight of a Reading locomotive revealed little Rosie lying unconscious on the tracks. The engineer stopped the train just in time to save her life and word was at once sent to the police.

An ambulance surgeon who responded to a call, said the child was in a dangerous condition and might die. She was hurried to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, where she lies in a critical condition.

When the seriousness of the crime became known the whole machinery of the Police Department was set in motion, and the investigation still continues. The girl's condition is such that she cannot yet identify any of the seven suspects.

The arrests followed a description given of a man seen with little Rosie near her home, No. 423 North Eighth street, and of others noticed in the vicinity of Ninth and Green streets, where the child was left on the tracks to be killed.

YERKES IN COLLISION.
Street Car Hit His Automobile, but the Occupants Were Not Hurt.

The handsome automobile owned and occupied by Charles T. Yerkes, the millionaire, was struck by a north-bound Amsterdam avenue car, at Ninth and Sixth streets and Amsterdam avenue, this afternoon.

Neither Mr. Yerkes nor his chauffeur, E. W. Rosheim, who was with him, was thrown out of the vehicle or injured.

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O'REILLY SHIFTED FROM TENDERLOIN IN NEW SHAKE-UP

Gen. Greene Sends the Police Captain Back to Brooklyn, Promotes Sergt. O'Connor and Gives Him the Job at the West Thirtieth Street Station.

Transfer Declared to Have Been Made Because the Commissioner Wants a Man Intimately Acquainted with the City to Be in Command of the Precinct.

Commissioner Greene kept the Police Department going again to-day.

He shook Capt. Miles O'Reilly out of the Tenderloin station and sent him back to Brooklyn. Sergt. J. W. O'Connor, who has been doing clerical work at Police Headquarters, was promoted to a captaincy and sent to the command of the Tenderloin, with the explanation that a man acquainted with the city was needed at that important post.

Another captain was made in the promotion of Sergt. Charles D. Kemp, formerly in command of the old bicycle squad. And then, as an offset to these changes made by the Commissioner, the courts put back to duty as detective sergeants at Headquarters seventy-eight men who had been deposed by Col. Partridge when he was at the helm and sent back to patrol duty.

O'CONNOR MADE CAPTAIN AND SENT TO TENDERLOIN.

Capt. O'Reilly had been barely two months in command of the Tenderloin Precinct. He was transferred to the Ralph Avenue Station in Brooklyn.

His successor is J. W. O'Connor, who was made a police captain a few minutes before O'Reilly's transfer was announced. O'Connor was a sergeant in charge of the clerical work at Police Headquarters that Michael Flood gave up when he was promoted and sent to the Tenderloin.

In transferring Capt. O'Reilly Commissioner Greene said:

"My action in sending Capt. O'Reilly to Brooklyn is not to be taken as a reprimand or any reflection upon his conduct as an officer. Capt. James Innis, who has been in charge of the Ralph Avenue Station, has applied for a twenty days' leave of absence, which I granted. This would leave that precinct without a captain, and as there is a great deal of important work to be done there I felt that I should send a capable man to fill the vacancy."

"It has long been my opinion that the man in command of the Tenderloin should have an intimate knowledge of New York City. O'Connor's work in the Detective Bureau has made him familiar with the workings of every precinct in the city, and I don't think I could have selected a better man."

Capt. O'Connor was appointed to the force in March, 1896. He was made a roundman in November, 1894, and a sergeant in May, 1894. He was formerly a Brooklyn policeman, but of late years has done duty in different precincts in this city.

At the same time Gen. Greene promoted O'Connor he made Sergt. William Hogan, stationed in the Bronx, a captain, and sent him to command the East Sixty-seventh Street Station.

Sergt. Charles D. Kemp, who organized the old Bicycle Squad and commanded it while its organization was maintained, was promoted to a captaincy by Police Commissioner Greene to-day. He was assigned to the Fifth street station—the "Red Light" District.

Kemp is thirty-eight years old. He was appointed to the force in 1880, being then a newspaper reporter. He was made a roundman in 1893 and a Sergeant in 1896. In promoting him Gen. Greene passed over Sergt. Tight and another who were above Kemp on the eligible list of the Civil-Service Board. Commissioner Greene dismissed from the force Policeman James P. Pierce, of the East Thirty-fifth Street Station for being off post. Pierce was appointed one and a half years ago.

COURTS RESTORE RANK OF 78 DETECTIVES.

Seventy-eight former detective-sergeants, who were reduced to patrol duty by Commissioner Partridge shortly after he took charge of the Police Department, have been ordered restored to their old places by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

This decision was handed down yesterday.

day afternoon in the case of Burns vs. Partridge. Burns, with seventy-seven other men affected by the decision, was attached to the Central Office squad prior to April 1, 1901. The Legislature passed a law declaring that all men assigned to such duty prior to this date should be rated as detective-sergeants.

When Col. Partridge succeeded the late Col. Murphy as Commissioner he reduced to patrol duty these seventy-eight men, along with seventy-four other men whom Col. Murphy had promoted to the rank of detective-sergeants, but who were not attached to the Central Office prior to April 1, 1901.

The seventy-eight men employed the law firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonynge to contest their reduction. Application was made in Burns's behalf to Justice Cochrane, of the Supreme Court, for a writ of mandamus compelling the Police Commissioner to restore him to duty as a detective-sergeant.

The application was denied. Appeal was taken to the Appellate Division in Brooklyn, which reversed Justice Cochrane, basing the reversal of the decision of the Appellate Division in the case of Detective-Sergt. Edward Sugden, who in a similar action has just succeeded in having Commissioner Greene mandamus to restore him.

The return of these seventy-eight men will cost the city nearly \$50,000 a year in salaries, unless some of the more recently appointed men are reduced.

TRIED TO "HOG" A SEAT.

That's What the Court Told Weshauser When He Fined Him \$10.

Abraham Weshauser, of No. 236 Moore street, Brooklyn, who is a heavily-built man, was arraigned in the Tombs Court to-day on the complaint of James Higgins.

Higgins told Magistrate Barlow that as he was leaving a Flushing avenue car at the loops at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge last night he saw Weshauser seize a small boy who was standing on the step of the car and throw him to the ground.

When he remonstrated with Weshauser the latter kicked him in the face.

Weshauser denied the charge and started a rambling sort of an explanation, when Magistrate Barlow said:

"I understand how this happened. You are a big loafer and you were trying to hog a seat in the car. I will fine you \$10."

Weshauser paid the fine.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity. Fair to-night; Sunday cloudy, followed by rain; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

Just One Day He Remains. The Pennsylvania Railroad makes a new schedule to Chicago. Its schedule is as follows: Leave New York at 10:00 A. M. and arrive Chicago at 10:00 P. M.